

Raksha Udyog Ratna

748. SHRITAPAN KUMAR SEN:

SHRICHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some private companies have been identified as "Raksha Udyog Ratna" (RUR);

(b) if so, the name of those companies and the criterion for their selection;

(c) if not, whether Government are in the process of identifying such RURs for that purpose;

(d) whether any development fund is being created for helping such RURs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Defence Procurement Procedure ('Make' Category) notified recently as part of Defence Procurement Procedure-2006 has a provision for extending financial assistance for development projects under 'Make' category to Indian industries including RURs, Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Ordnance Factories.

Scaling Chaukhambha-1 top by Army Mountaineers

†749. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a mountaineering team of Indian Army had climbed Chaukhambha-1 top on 27th July, 2005;

(b) if so, how many of those mountaineers have not returned;

(c) the present status of their search; and

(d) the details in this regard?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.